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REMARKS

Consideration of the application as preliminary amended is respectfully requested.  
Initially a Change of Correspondence Address is accompanied herewith.


The amendment is directed towards adding claims directed the claimed structure having its fiber or yarns and coating made from specific material (i.e., ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene or polyolefins with a coating of polyurethane (thermoset)). As to the high molecular weight polyethylene, it is known in the industry under the trademarks Dyneema and Spectra. Support for the amendment is found in the specification on, for example, page 12 lines 26-33, page 15 lines 20-26, page 13 lines 6-16 and page 15 lines 10-19 respectively. Also support for the use of these particular materials is found in parent applications U.S. Serial No. 09/908,877 and 09/832,739. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The first full paragraph on page 13 has been amended as follows:

--Suitable fiber reinforcement materials are nylons (as general class), polyesters (as a general class), polyaramids (such as Kevlar®, Twaron® or Technora®), polyolefins (such as Dyneema® and Spectra® which are made of ultra high molecular weight polyethylene) and polybenzoxazole (PBO).--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 12 and 13 have been added.

--12. A flexible fluid containment vessel for the transportation and/or containment of cargo comprising a fluid or fluidisable material, said vessel comprising:  
an elongated flexible tubular structure comprised of fabric which includes fibers or yarns made from material containing initially of ultra high molecular weight polyethylene or polyolefins;

said tubular structure having a front end and a rear end;

means for sealing said front end and said rear end;

means for filling and emptying said vessel of cargo; and

a means for rendering said tubular structure impervious by coating said fabric with a polyurethane material.

13. The vessel in accordance with claim 12 wherein said coating is a thermoset polyurethane coating.--

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